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# Supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development

## Report of the Secretary-General

*Summary*

The present report is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/248 C, in which the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/883), including a request that the Secretary-General submit a comprehensive proposal that addresses the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

The report addresses how the United Nations Secretariat is working to promote synergies within the Secretariat and between the wider United Nations system, and identifies the areas of activity on which the Organization will focus its efforts to support the implementation of the two Agendas by Member States. It also indicates the budgetary implications of the proposals and the actions requested of the General Assembly.

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# I. Introduction

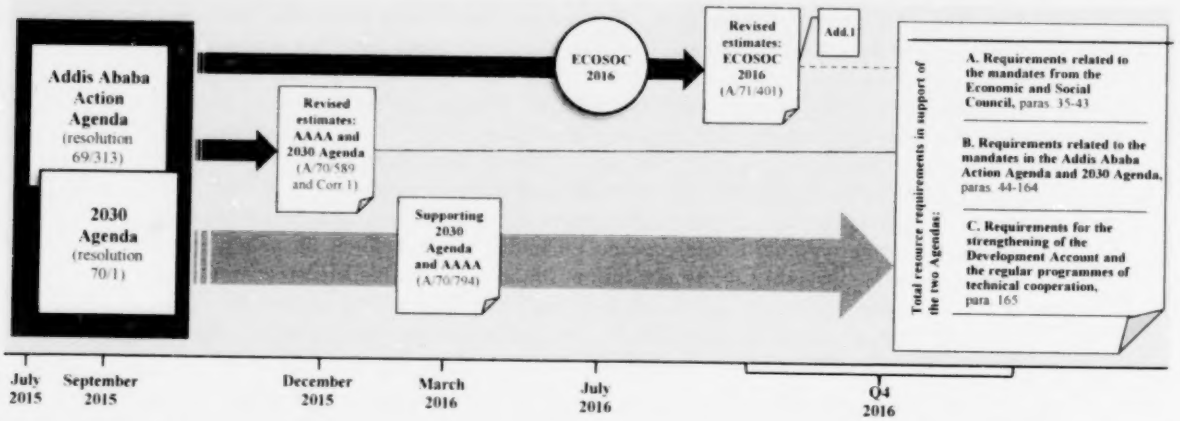
1. The present report is prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 70/248 C, in which the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/883). In its report, the Advisory Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to submit, without further delay and no later than during the main part of the seventy-first session, a comprehensive proposal that addresses the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/247. The Committee recommended that such report should take into account the observations and comments of the Advisory Committee, and present the total related resources, together with a request for appropriation, for the consideration and decision of the General Assembly.

2. The present report replaces document A/70/794, submitted on 18 March 2016. It incorporates the requests made in the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (A/70/589 and Corr.1). The present report also contains the activities mandated by the Economic and Social Council, for which an appropriation will be sought in the context of the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401 and its addendum (to be issued)), which include the activities related to the regional commissions, the ministerial declaration of the 2016 high-level political forum, the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters and the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up.

3. The previous report on the revised estimates (A/70/589 and Corr.1) was submitted following the adoption by the General Assembly of its resolutions 69/313 and 70/1. The report submitted subsequently (A/70/794) was prepared in response to the request by the Assembly in resolution 70/247, in which the Assembly recalled its resolutions 69/313 and 70/1 and requested that the Secretary-General provide, at the first part of its resumed seventieth session, a comprehensive proposal addressing the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the two Agendas by the Secretariat, within the broader United Nations system, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and the United Nations Development Account.

4. The process flow since the adoption of the two Agendas and guide to the presentation of the total resources in support of the Agendas is contained in the figure below.

**Process flow since the adoption of the two Agendas and guide to the total resources in support of the Agendas**


Addis Ababa Action Agenda (resolution 69/313)
2030 Agenda (resolution 70/1)
ECOSOC 2016
Revised estimates: ECOSOC 2016 (A/71/401)
Add.1
Revised estimates: AAAA and 2030 Agenda (A/70/589 and Corr.1)
Supporting 2030 Agenda and AAAA (A/70/794)
Total resource requirements in support of the two Agendas:
A. Requirements related to the mandates from the Economic and Social Council, paras. 35-43
B. Requirements related to the mandates in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and 2030 Agenda, paras. 44-164
C. Requirements for the strengthening of the Development Account and the regular programmes of technical cooperation, para. 165
July 2015
September 2015
December 2015
March 2016
July 2016
Q4 2016

*Abbreviations*: AAAA, Addis Ababa Action Agenda; ECOSOC, Economic and Social Council.

5. In section II, the report addresses the need to promote synergies within the United Nations Secretariat and with the wider United Nations system. In section III, the report indicates the areas of activity on which the Organization will focus its efforts to support the implementation by Member States of the two Agendas. In section IV, the report proposes strengthening the Development Account and the regular programme of technical cooperation to enable the Secretariat entities to provide coordinated support. The total resource requirements in support of the two Agendas are set out in section V. The expenditures against the commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in resolution 70/248 A are set out in section VI. The summary of resource requirements is provided in section VII, and conclusion and recommendations are provided under section VIII.

## II. Promoting synergies in delivering support for the new Agendas

6. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a people-centred, universal and transformative vision for the future of humanity. It is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity that also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom, to be implemented by all countries and stakeholders acting in collaborative partnership. Grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights treaties, it pledges to leave no one behind. The full implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda is critical for the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets. Both Agendas serve as the basis for actions to be undertaken with the engagement of a broad range of stakeholders, under the leadership of national Governments.

7. The interdependence of the three pillars of the Organization's work (peace and security, development and human rights), the synergies between the 2030 Agenda and the sustaining peace agenda (see General Assembly resolution 70/262 and Security Council resolution 2282 (2016)) and the link between humanitarian action,

development and peacebuilding will not be successfully supported without further strengthening the capacities within the development pillar. Both the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda recognize that the realization of human rights is indispensable for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development. It has been more than a decade since the last time the development pillar received reinforcement by way of an increase in financial resources at the World Summit in 2005. This time, a mere upgrade is not enough.

8. The integrated and indivisible nature of the Sustainable Development Goals requires new ways of thinking and working for implementation. It requires political leadership, policy coherence, inclusive and effective partnerships with a bottom-up approach, and a shift in mindset and culture, as also emphasized in the World Humanitarian Summit and the sustaining peace agenda. We need to convene and organize in a way that connects issues, catalyses engagements and effective implementation; communicate and advocate in a way that prompts actions and builds consensus across sectors and stakeholders; incentivize financing to drive change, innovation and alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals; harness the potential of technology; and measure progress in a way that ensures accountability.

9. The United Nations system will need to both lead and keep pace with new ways of thinking, and evolve its services over time in line with the needs of Member States as they lead the implementation of the two Agendas. The transformation needed in the United Nations system to deliver on the two Agendas will be led by improved strategic planning, implementation and reporting in order to ensure coherent and integrated support to the implementation of the new Agendas by the United Nations development system. During this year one of implementation, a high level of support from the United Nations system has already been requested. To maximize synergy and efficiency, and reduce fragmentation and overlap, the Secretary-General coordinates the actions carried out by the Secretariat to support Member States in the implementation of the two Agendas. The discussions by the General Assembly on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system is expected to provide further guidance.

## III. Areas in which the demand for Secretariat support has risen and where it can add the highest value

10. The Secretariat has taken steps to ensure that its support with regard to the implementation of the two Agendas is provided in a united and coordinated fashion, and is coherent with the wider United Nations system. Member States are recognizing that implementation calls for a new model of development, where all have a role to play and no one is left behind. This will require a change in the way both the Member States and the United Nations system think and act, recognizing complexity and a constantly evolving context and responding with new models for leading, organizing, communicating, working, financing and reporting. To ensure that no one is left behind, the United Nations needs to address the underlying causes of vulnerability, including discrimination and marginalization, and help to realize everyone's right.

11. Secretariat entities have adapted priorities, aligned workplans and adjusted ways of working, guided by the needs of countries. Through its ongoing dialogue with the Member States in New York and at the regional and country levels, the Secretariat entities have identified areas where the need for Secretariat support has risen and where it can add the highest value. These are: (a) providing support for the strengthening of capacity and improving the ability to work together at the regional, national, subnational and local levels; (b) facilitating regional and international cooperation; (c) catalysing new partnerships and improving the effectiveness and accountability of existing partnerships at all levels; (d) supporting a favourable international enabling environment through intergovernmental processes; (e) supporting ongoing review and renewal; (f) undertaking public advocacy for the Sustainable Development Goals; (g) providing support to inter-agency efforts, including to improve policy coherence and effectiveness; and (h) providing support to countries' efforts to develop strategies to finance the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Cutting across all of these is the need to integrate a human rights-based approach. The Secretariat will also support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals by continuing its efforts to take into account sustainable development practices in the management of its facilities and operations in accordance with legislative frameworks.

12. In both the 2030 Agenda (para. 46) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (para. 74), Member States recognized the important role and comparative advantage of an adequately resourced, relevant, coherent, efficient and effective United Nations system in supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and sustainable development. Given the transformative nature of the new Agendas and the increased demand for support, the Secretary-General proposes that the Secretariat strengthen its support to Member States and go beyond reprioritizing activities and resources. The Secretariat will have new capabilities to deliver on the functions in paragraph 9 above.

13. *Support the strengthening of capacity and improving the ability to work together at the regional, national, subnational and local levels*. The 2030 Agenda will come to life through implementation at the national, regional and local levels. The Secretariat will provide technical assistance that supports the efforts of governments to respond in an integrated way to the interconnected and indivisible demands of the 2030 Agenda. Secretariat entities will support capacity-building at the regional, national, subnational and local levels through responding to the requests of Member States for support in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. On the basis of an analysis of country needs, with individual Member States, activities will include the development of policy tools and advisory services for capacity-building, including on multi-stakeholder and horizontal working, the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and the mainstreaming of the Goals in national development plans, in addition to convening workshops, expert meetings and the provision of training programmes at the country level. The Secretariat will focus its efforts in supporting Member States (including middle-income countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and Africa) in the area of policy coherence, while working with other United Nations entities to ensure complementarity and avoid duplication. At the regional level, the Secretariat will include support to the development of reviews at the regional level and of regional approaches to the implementation of

the Sustainable Development Goals that support cross-learning. Globally, the Secretariat will support the work of the Economic and Social forum on financing for development follow-up.

14. *Facilitate regional and international cooperation.* The universal nature of the Sustainable Development Goals means that they are relevant to all countries, regardless of their level of development, and irrespective of their political or socioeconomic status. In addition, the nature of many of the challenges identified within the 2030 Agenda has regional or global elements that cannot be solved by one country acting alone. The Secretariat will employ its unique role as a convener, facilitator and catalyser to support regional and international cooperation. In this critically important period for the planning and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Secretariat will capitalize on its unique universal reach to facilitate regional and international cooperation in support of the implementation of the Goals, including their means of implementation. Secretariat entities will support efforts to strengthen regional mechanisms for the implementation of the Goals, including through the provision of advisory services to relevant regional bodies. Secretariat entities, in particular the regional commissions, will support a better understanding of the regional implications of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda as well as regional reporting. The Secretariat will support the development and organization of regional intergovernmental forums for sustainable development, with the aim of facilitating country-owned spaces to review progress, share experience and to facilitate peer learning.

15. *Catalyse new partnerships and improve the effectiveness and accountability of existing partnerships at all levels.* The Sustainable Development Goals were agreed following thorough negotiations among all Member States, with an unprecedented level of engagement from civil society, the business community and other stakeholders. The 2030 Agenda (para. 39) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (para. 10) identify the critical role of partnership as a way of working towards the common vision set out by Member States. All stakeholders must collaborate and innovate to find new ways of working, organizing, monitoring and reporting to deliver the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The Secretariat entities are supporting countries' efforts to catalyse, facilitate, convene and coordinate country-led multi-stakeholder partnerships aimed at the delivery of the 2030 Agenda, including with actors across the pillars of the United Nations system and with other international financial institutions and regional organizations. The Secretariat will support the identification of good practices in partnerships, including on transparency and accountability. Secretariat entities will, working with Member States, support the development of mechanisms for the inclusive engagement of civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

16. *Support a favourable international enabling environment through intergovernmental processes, political debates and guidance, exchange of experiences and review of implementation.* The adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement, the sustaining peace agenda and the upcoming New Urban Agenda demonstrate the capacity of inclusive multilateralism to deliver ambitious global agreements to address global challenges. The Secretariat will

support the work of Member States at the intergovernmental level to ensure that follow-up to relevant multilateral frameworks and plans are compatible with and integrated into the 2030 Agenda, including through linking its implementation, climate change and sustaining peace. The Secretariat entities will also work with the secretariats of intergovernmental bodies to support policy debates that advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda within their areas of responsibility. It will work to ensure that all intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system are supported in a coherent and effective fashion, avoiding overlap and duplication, supporting new thinking and evidence-based discussions leading to action-oriented outcomes and mobilizing contributions to global thematic reviews at the high-level political forum.

17. *Support ongoing review and renewal*. Effective mechanisms for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda will be essential to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and their means of implementation (Addis Ababa Action Agenda, para. 130). These various processes will benefit from the active support of the Secretariat entities, including the regional commissions. The Secretariat will prepare quality inputs to the high-level political forum on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets relevant to their mandate as well as on behalf of regions. The Secretariat entities will support the production of the Global *Sustainable Development Report*. They will prepare The *Sustainable Development Goals Report* in cooperation with the United Nations system. Entities will also support the ongoing work on the Sustainable Development Goals global indicator framework, including through support to the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals and the global monitoring of relevant indicators. Entities will support national and regional efforts to monitor and review progress, including through support to data collection, identification of data gaps, data disaggregation and capacity-building for national statistical offices (particularly for least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and conflict-affected countries). In middle-income countries, entities will support designing and implementing effective development policies through integrated approaches that cover a wide range of economic, social and environmental areas. Secretariat entities, in line with mandates, will provide substantive contributions to the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up. Entities will also undertake the development and publication of a broad range of studies and reports that provide evidence and data that support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Secretariat will also strengthen the communication and relationship between the high-level political forum and the human rights mechanisms.

18. *Undertake public advocacy for the Sustainable Development Goals*. The 2030 Agenda will only deliver on its full potential if people everywhere know that it exists, understand its significance and internalize it in their daily lives. Information and understanding will allow individuals and organizations to put the Sustainable Development Goals into action in their own activities and plans. The Secretariat, along with the United Nations system, is in a unique position to support efforts to communicate the 2030 Agenda to citizens and regional and national bodies. The Secretariat is well placed to strengthen advocacy that links thematic areas such as sustainable development, climate and sustaining peace, as well as the means of

implementation. The Secretariat will build on existing online communications platforms and continue to support collective communication and information-sharing around the Sustainable Development Goals and develop strategies to increase awareness of the Goals and for the mobilization of different stakeholder groups in support of the 2030 Agenda.

19. *Provide support to inter-agency efforts and reduce fragmentation*. Responses to complex challenges, such as those identified in the 2030 Agenda, call for synergy of action among the full range of the organizations that respond to these challenges. The Secretariat (and the broader United Nations system, including all pillars) must strive to avoid the fragmentation associated with different organizational mandates, sectoral positions or disciplinary approaches that reduce effectiveness and efficiency. The Secretariat entities will support inter-agency efforts by working to ensure policy coherence and joint action across the activities of United Nations system agencies to promote synergy and avoid duplication and a "silo" approach.

20. *Provide support to countries' efforts to develop strategies to finance the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals*. The financing required to realize the aspirations captured in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals is estimated to be in the order of trillions of dollars annually. This redirection of capital flows can be realized through a combination of means, including efforts to attract, leverage and mobilize investments of all kinds — public and private, national and global. This will require scaling-up existing solutions, finding new financial mechanisms and harnessing capital markets, including all asset classes. The Secretariat will support countries' efforts to develop strategies on how to access the resources necessary to deliver to finance the 2030 Agenda and deliver on the Addis Ababa Agenda for Action, including from alternative sources. The Secretariat entities will convene national, subnational and regional discussions, develop policy guidance and support the development of inputs into global processes, including supporting the inputs of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and conflict-affected countries into the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Follow-Up to the Financing for Development Outcomes and the Means of Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

21. Over the next 15 years, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as the General Assembly, and its committees, special sessions, high-level meetings and other processes, will continue to guide the United Nations system on how best to contribute to the new Agendas, including through new or expanded mandates, if and as considered necessary by these bodies.

## IV. Incentivizing synergies and alignment through the Development Account and strengthening technical assistance through the regular programme of technical cooperation

22. Enabling countries to realize the 2030 Agenda requires a well-coordinated United Nations with a cross-sectoral approach that reflects interconnectedness of the Sustainable Development Goals. This, in turn, calls for behavioural and cultural changes in the Organization. To incentivize these changes, it is proposed that the Member States consider increasing the funding for the Development Account.

Projects implemented through the Account will strengthen Secretariat support for building new capacities for developing countries to implement the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

23. The Development Account has a track record of implementing many new and innovative approaches to capacity-building, which is critical for supporting countries in their efforts to integrate the Sustainable Development Goals into their national policies and strengthen their national multi-stakeholder processes.

24. Projects executed by the United Nations Secretariat implementing entities under the Development Account funding will be coordinated with relevant United Nations funds, programmes and/or specialized agencies. The projects will be demand-driven, and build on the comparative advantage of the implementing entities to fit within the strategic direction given to implementing entities by Member States. The entities will work closely together and build on synergies with other activities within and outside the United Nations system. In line with the criteria established by the General Assembly, the implementing entities will use human and technical capacities within developing countries, to the extent possible, in order to maximize knowledge transfer and develop national skills and capacity, including through South-South cooperation (see A/70/6 (Sect. 35), para. 35.12).

25. The management and administration of the Development Account have been improved and strengthened in recent years, including the institution of a four-year project implementation cycle, the mandatory submission of detailed project documents based on comprehensive logical frameworks and final evaluation reports, the establishment of the Steering Committee and the Capacity Development Office. The website has been redesigned for improved Internet-based coordination and greater accessibility to project information and impact (see A/64/7, paras. XIII.6-XIII.7).

26. For the biennium 2016-2017, the approved resources in the amount of $28.4 million have been focused towards helping Member States, including least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, to strengthen their capacity to generate, assemble and analyse data related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including $12 million dedicated to addressing the most urgent initial statistical needs related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

27. An increase of $7.5 million for 2017 and a further additional $7.5 million for 2018-2019 would allow the developing countries to further tap into the knowledge and expertise offered by the United Nations Secretariat to support the policy coherence, integration and participatory implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels.

28. The procedures and arrangements to ensure accountability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness will be further improved to take account of the additional resources. They will provide incentives to work across horizontally within the Secretariat and create synergies with the broader United Nations system. Therefore, the Secretary-General will direct that the Development Account serve as a fund which explicitly incentivizes the Secretariat to coherently support developing countries in their implementation of the new Agendas. The Secretary-General will continue to provide overall strategic and programmatic direction supported by the programme manager and the Steering Committee.

29. It is recommended that the eligibility of the Development Account implementing entities be expanded beyond the current 10, so as to ensure the full support of the Secretariat to the implementation of the two Agendas, in keeping with the interconnected and cross-pillar nature of the Agendas. The list of eligible entities are listed under section VIII of the present report, Conclusion and recommendations.

30. Projects will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: (a) the proposals must prove their relevance to furthering the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda; (b) preference will be given to projects to be undertaken in an integrated manner by more than one entity across sectors.

31. The Development Account procedures will continue to be streamlined and the criteria for proposals reassessed to enable shorter lead-time between the submission of proposals and disbursement of funds. The Steering Committee will include all the eligible entities listed under section VIII of the present report. The Assembly may wish to consider renaming the account as the "Sustainable Development Account".

**Strengthening the regular programme of technical cooperation**

32. The 2030 Agenda emphasizes that assistance to Member States must be tailored to their needs and provided upon their request. The regular programme of technical cooperation was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 58 (I) in 1946, with a view to providing the United Nations with flexibility to respond to urgent needs of developing countries in technical assistance when funding from other parts of the regular budget is not available. Since then, the mandate of the programme has evolved and it is increasingly used to support the efforts of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition to achieve international development goals. However, the demand-driven nature of the programme remains its strong and distinct feature.

33. The ability of the regular programme of technical cooperation to respond flexibly and on short notice to the specific requests of developing countries for small-scale but urgent requirements as defined by them differentiates it from but makes it complementary to the development account. It is important that funding to this programme be increased to respond to the growing demand of developing countries for policy advice and capacity-building, including regional and subregional advisory services. Therefore, an increase in $5 million for 2017 and 2018-2019 is proposed. The additional funds will be used to carry out activities requested by the Member States to provide technical assistance.

# V. Total resource requirements in support of the two Agendas

34. A comprehensive overview of the resource requirements related to the proposed role and areas of activity for the Secretariat described above is presented through the following three categories:

(a) *Requirements related to the mandates from the Economic and Social Council*: requirements corresponding to activities mandated by the Economic and Social Council, for which an appropriation is sought in the context of the report of

the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401 and Add.1 (to be issued));

(b) *Requirements related to the mandates in the two Agendas*: requirements relating to activities specifically mandated through the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, for which revised estimates were previously presented in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1);

(c) *Requirements for the strengthening of the Development Account and the regular programme of technical cooperation*: as indicated in section IV above, delivering on the two Agendas requires greater coordination and a cross-sectoral approach. To incentivize such behavioural and cultural changes in the Organization, it is proposed that the Member States consider increasing the Development Account and the regular programme on technical cooperation to strengthen Secretariat support for building new capacities to implement the two Agendas.

## A. Requirements related to the mandates from the Economic and Social Council

35. The budgetary implications of the activities related to the two Agendas mandated by the Economic and Social Council through its resolutions and ministerial declaration are set out in the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401). The budgetary implications also include the additional resource requirements related to the resolution and decisions just adopted by the Council, for the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters and the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, which will be included in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates (A/71/401/Add.1, to be issued).

36. Table 1 provides the summary of resource requirements related to the mandates from the Economic and Social Council, with the corresponding resource requirements by object of expenditure and the proposed establishment of temporary posts reflected in tables 2 and 3.

Table 1

**Total requirements related to the mandates from the Economic and Social Council**

(United States dollars)

| | | 2016-2017 | | | 2018-2019 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Budget section* | *Total requirements* | *Accommodated through commitment authority* | *Additional requirements* | *Additional requirements* | *Net additional requirements*[a] |
| **Report on the revised estimates (A/71/401)** | | | | | | |
| **A. Economic and Social Council resolutions** | | | | | | |
| 2016/10: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia strategy and plan of action on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development | 22 | 1 893 600 | – | 1 893 600 | 3 039 300 | 1 145 700 |
| 2016/11: Committing to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific | 19 | 488 600 | – | 488 600 | 1 245 200 | 756 600 |
| 2016/12: Establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development | 21 | 130 000 | – | 130 000 | 130 000 | – |
| **B. Ministerial declaration** | | | | | | |
| E/HLS/2016/1: Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council on the annual theme "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results" Ministerial declaration of the 2016 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Ensuring that no one is left behind" | 9 | 540 000 | 180 000 | 360 000 | 780 000 | 420 000 |
| **Subtotal, A/71/401** | | **3 052 200** | **180 000** | **2 872 200** | **5 194 500** | **2 322 300** |
| Staff assessment | 36 | 57 100 | – | 57 100 | 208 200 | 151 100 |
| **Subtotal, including staff assessment** | | **3 109 300** | **180 000** | **2 929 300** | **5 402 700** | **2 473 400** |

| | Budget section | 2016-2017 Total requirements | 2016-2017 Accommodated through commitment authority | 2016-2017 Additional requirements | 2018-2019 Additional requirements | 2018-2019 Net additional requirements[a] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Addendum to the report on the revised estimates (A/71/401/Add.1)** | | | | | | |
| **C. Economic and Social Council resolution and decisions** | | | | | | |
| 2017/L.5 and L.6: Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters; and Arrangements for the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters and special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters | 2 | 542 000 | 271 000 | 271 000 | 542 000 | 271 000 |
| | 9 | 474 000 | 237 000 | 237 000 | 474 000 | 237 000 |
| 2017/L.7: Further working arrangements for the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council (Forum on financing for development follow-up) | 2 | 96 000 | 48 000 | 48 000 | 96 000 | 48 000 |
| **Subtotal, A/71/401/Add.1** | | **1 112 000** | **556 000** | **556 000** | **1 112 000** | **556 000** |
| **Total** | | **4 221 300** | **736 000** | **3 485 300** | **6 514 700** | **3 029 400** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new posts.

Table 2

**Additional requirements by object of expenditure related to the mandates from the Economic and Social Council**

(United States dollars)

| Section | Additional requirements 2016-2017 | Total requirements 2018-2019 | Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a] |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Report on the revised estimates (A/71/401)** | | | |
| **Section 9, Economic and social affairs** | | | |
| Experts | 360 000 | 540 000 | 180 000 |
| Contractual services | – | 240 000 | 240 000 |
| **Subtotal, section 9** | **360 000** | **780 000** | **420 000** |
| **Section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific** | | | |
| Temporary posts (2 P-4) | 163 600 | 595 200 | 431 600 |
| Consultants | 50 000 | 100 000 | 50 000 |
| Experts | 238 800 | 477 600 | 238 800 |
| Travel of staff | 26 200 | 52 400 | 26 200 |

| *Section* | *Additional requirements 2016-2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Contractual services | 10 000 | 20 000 | 10 000 |
| **Subtotal, section 19** | **488 600** | **1 245 200** | **756 600** |
| **Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean** | | | |
| Other staff costs | 60 000 | 60 000 | – |
| Consultants | 20 000 | 20 000 | – |
| Travel of staff | 30 000 | 30 000 | – |
| Contractual services | 10 000 | 10 000 | – |
| General operating expenses | 6 000 | 6 000 | – |
| Supplies and materials | 4 000 | 4 000 | – |
| **Subtotal, section 21** | **130 000** | **130 000** | **–** |
| **Section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia** | | | |
| Temporary posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 Local level) | 283 000 | 1 031 900 | 748 900 |
| Consultants | 673 800 | 804 300 | 130 500 |
| Experts | 686 600 | 859 300 | 172 700 |
| Travel of staff | 136 000 | 181 400 | 45 400 |
| Contractual services | 114 200 | 162 400 | 48 200 |
| **Subtotal, section 22** | **1 893 600** | **3 039 300** | **1 145 700** |
| **Subtotal, A/71/401** | **2 872 200** | **5 194 500** | **2 322 300** |
| Staff assessment | 57 100 | 208 200 | 151 100 |
| **Subtotal, including staff assessment** | **2 929 300** | **5 402 700** | **2 473 400** |
| **Addendum to the report on the revised estimates (A/71/401/Add.1)** | | | |
| **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management** | | | |
| Other staff costs | 319 000 | 638 000 | 319 000 |
| **Subtotal, section 2** | **319 000** | **638 000** | **319 000** |
| **Section 9, Economic and social affairs** | | | |
| Travel of representatives | 237 000 | 474 000 | 237 000 |
| **Subtotal, section 9** | **237 000** | **474 000** | **237 000** |
| **Subtotal, A/71/401/Add.1** | **556 000** | **1 112 000** | **556 000** |
| **Total** | **3 485 300** | **6 514 700** | **3 029 400** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new posts.

Table 3
**Proposed establishment of temporary posts**

| *Resolution number* | *Title of resolution* | *Budget section* | *Number of posts* | *Functions* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2016/10 | Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia strategy and plan of action on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development | 22 | 4 | 1 Economic Affairs Officer (P-4);<br>1 Economic Affairs Officer (P-3);<br>1 Social Affairs Officer (P-3);<br>1 Administrative Assistant (Local level) |
| 2016/11 | Committing to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific | 19 | 2 | 1 Programme Officer (P-4);<br>1 Statistician (P-4) |
| **Total** | | | **6** | |

37. As indicated in tables 1 to 3 above, the additional requirements of the activities related to the two Agendas mandated by the Economic and Social Council would amount to $3,485,300 for the biennium 2016-2017, for which related appropriation is sought through the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401 and Add.1). The corresponding requirements to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 would amount to $6,514,700.

38. Resources are proposed in respect of the following sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services; section 9, Economic and social affairs; section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific; section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean; section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia; and section 36, Staff assessment. The activities by budget section are summarized below.

**Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management**

39. Total requirements of $319,000 per year effective 2016 would be required for the provision of conference services (meetings and documentation) for: (a) the annual sessions of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, to be held in New York (upon the adoption of draft resolution E/2017/L.5 and draft decision E/2017/L.6) ($271,000 per year); and (b) the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (upon the adoption of draft decision E/2017/L.7) ($48,000 per year). The requirements for 2016 in the amount of $319,000 would be accommodated through the commitment authority authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A.

**Section 9, Economic and social affairs**

40. The activities endorsed by the Economic and Social Council for section 9 include:

(a) Support to the Independent Group of Scientists to draft the quadrennial *Global Sustainable Development Report*, pursuant to the requests contained in the ministerial declaration of the 2016 high-level political forum on sustainable development (E/HLS/2016/1). Resource requirements of $540,000 would be required for the biennium 2016-2017 and $780,000 for the biennium 2018-2019 under subprogramme 3, Sustainable development. The requirements for 2016 in the amount of $180,000 would be accommodated through the commitment authority authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A;

(b) Annual sessions of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (upon the adoption of draft resolution E/2017/L.5 and draft decision E/2017/L.6). Resource requirements of $237,000 per year would be required under policymaking organs for the travel of the members of the Committee to attend the annual sessions to be held in New York. The requirements for 2016 in the amount of $237,000 would be accommodated through the commitment authority authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A.

**Section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific**

41. The activities endorsed by the Economic and Social Council for section 19 are pursuant to resolution 2016/11 on committing to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific. Total resource requirements of $488,600 would be required for the biennium 2016-2017 and $1,245,200 for the biennium 2018-2019 (including the delayed impact of the proposed two new P-4 posts), and the subprogrammes affected are as follows:

(a) *Subprogramme 4, Environment and development*: studies on issues highlighting the means of aligning the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainable development in policymaking; annual subregional preparatory meetings to the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development for the (i) Pacific, (ii) East and North-East Asia, (iii) North-Central Asia, (iv) South and South-West Asia and (v) South-East Asia subregions;

(b) *Subprogramme 6, Social development*: analytical studies on emerging social dimensions of sustainable development, in the preparation of a new annual recurrent publication *Social Panorama*;

(c) *Subprogramme 7, Statistics*: consolidation of data related to the Sustainable Development Goals, while ensuring their quality and consistency, in a regional statistical database; and reorientation of training programmes for the enhancement of data and statistical capacities of Member States.

**Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

42. The activities endorsed by the Economic and Social Council for section 21 are pursuant to resolution 2016/12 on the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. Total resource requirements of $130,000 per biennium would be required under policymaking

organs for the organization of the annual meetings of the Forum, and under executive direction and management for the preparation of annual reports on the regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda.

**Section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia**

43. The activities endorsed by the Economic and Social Council for section 22 are pursuant to resolution 2016/10 on the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia strategy and plan of action on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. Total resource requirements of $1,893,600 would be required for the biennium 2016-2017 and $3,039,300 for the biennium 2018-2019 (including the delayed impact of the proposed four new posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 1 Local level)), and the subprogrammes affected are as follows:

(a) *Subprogramme 1, Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development*: a series of thematic papers on shared water, food security, energy and climate change, with a focus on the 2030 Agenda to establish starting positions and policy options to reach the targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals; regional consultations on the impact of climate change on the implementation of the Goals in the Arab region; and regional consultations on the alignment of national plans in the areas of water, energy, food and environment with the 2030 Agenda;

(b) *Subprogramme 2, Social development*: a series of thematic papers on population dynamics and disability, with a focus on the 2030 Agenda, to establish starting positions and policy options to reach the targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals;

(c) *Subprogramme 3, Economic development and integration*: a study on the impact of illicit financial outflows on Arab economies;

(d) *Subprogramme 4, Technology for development and regional integration*: a series of thematic papers on technology and innovation; studies on technology and innovation, information and communications technology (ICT) digital economy, science, technology and innovation and a practical guide on the role of innovation with respect to the Sustainable Development Goals;

(e) *Subprogramme 5, Statistics for evidence-based policymaking*: development and testing of a methodology for identifying clear and accurate baselines for national targets and indicators related to the 2030 Agenda;

(f) *Subprogramme 6, Advancement of women*: a study on women's development in connection with the 2030 Agenda;

(g) *Subprogramme 7, Conflict mitigation and development*: a study on conflict, crisis and occupation in connection with the 2030 Agenda.

## B. Requirements related to the mandates in the two Agendas

44. The budgetary implications under this category constitute an update of the estimated resource requirements previously proposed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1). It will be recalled that the General Assembly, in its

resolution 70/248 A, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and 2030 Agenda in an amount not exceeding $7,547,300 in the first year of the biennium 2016-2017. Resources for 2017 onwards are proposed in respect of the following sections of the programme budget: section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services; section 9, Economic and social affairs; section 12, Trade and development; section 29D, Office of Central Support Services; and section 36, Staff assessment. The activities by budget section related to each Agenda are detailed below.

## 1. Addis Ababa Action Agenda

45. The implementation of the additional mandates arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda would require additional resource requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 9, Economic and social affairs; section 12, Trade and development; section 29D, Office of Central Support Services; and section 36, Staff assessment. The summary of resource requirements by section is set out in table 4.

Table 4
**Summary of resource requirements arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, by section**
(United States dollars)

| *Section* | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | 37 600 | 75 200 | 37 600 |
| 9. Economic and social affairs | 1 360 600 | 2 718 100 | 1 357 500 |
| 12. Trade and development | 106 500 | 213 000 | 106 500 |
| 29D. Office of Central Support Services | 95 400 | 190 800 | 95 400 |
| 36. Staff assessment | 113 900 | 227 800 | 113 900 |
| **Total** | **1 714 000** | **3 424 900** | **1 710 900** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

### Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

46. The request for documentation in paragraph 133 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda would comprise an annual pre-session document of 8,500 words to be issued in the six official languages beginning in 2016 and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department ($37,600 per year).

47. The requirements related to: (a) the annual sessions of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, to be held in New York ($271,000 per year); and (b) the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up ($48,000 per year), which were previously

proposed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1), are now included under the activities mandated by the Economic and Social Council and presented in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401/Add.1), as indicated in section V.A above. However, the related requirements for 2016 in the amount of $319,000 would be accommodated through the commitment authority authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A.

48. Table 5 provides the summary of conference-servicing requirements arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, to provide for temporary assistance for meetings to supplement the capacity of the Department to provide conference services.

Table 5

**Summary of conference-servicing requirements arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda**

(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management** | | | |
| Other staff costs | | | |
| Pre-session documentation | 37 600 | 75 200 | 37 600 |
| **Total** | **37 600** | **75 200** | **37 600** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**Section 9, Economic and social affairs**

49. The implementation of the additional mandates arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda would affect subprogramme 9, Financing for development, which is under the responsibility of the Financing for Development Office.

50. The subprogramme is currently responsible for providing substantive secretariat support for sustained follow-up to the agreements reached at the International Conferences on Financing for Development. This includes providing support to the intergovernmental process entrusted with the follow-up to the Conferences, including the annual special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the biennial high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on financing for development.

51. The requirements related to the annual session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters to be held in New York pursuant to paragraph 29 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which were previously reflected under policymaking organs, are now included under the activities mandated by the

Economic and Social Council and provided in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401/Add.1 (to be issued)), as indicated in section V.A above. However, the related requirements for 2016 in the amount of $237,000 would be accommodated through the commitment authority authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A.

52. Table 6 provides the summary of resource requirements under section 9.

Table 6
**Summary of resource requirements under section 9, Economic and social affairs, arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Subprogramme 9, Financing for development** | | | |
| Temporary posts (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 General Service (Other level)) | 946 200 | 1 889 300 | 943 100 |
| Consultants | 150 000 | 300 000 | 150 000 |
| Experts | 180 000 | 360 000 | 180 000 |
| Travel of staff | 65 000 | 130 000 | 65 000 |
| Contractual services | 14 000 | 28 000 | 14 000 |
| General operating expenses | 2 400 | 4 800 | 2 400 |
| Supplies and materials | 3 000 | 6 000 | 3 000 |
| **Total** | **1 360 600** | **2 718 100** | **1 357 500** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

### Temporary posts

53. A recurrent provision of $946,200 to cover six temporary posts (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)), effective from 1 January 2017, is proposed in lieu of positions funded under general temporary assistance in 2016, to support the activities related to the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up and the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, as detailed below.

#### (a) Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

54. Further to the decision of the General Assembly to establish an annual five-day Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, the subprogramme will service and support the work of the forum and, beforehand, the intergovernmental negotiations on the format and modalities of the forum that are to be held during the current cycle of the Council. The special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD will be integrated into the strengthened financing for development follow-up

process and held on one of the days of the forum. The high-level dialogue of the Assembly on financing for development will be held back-to-back with the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Assembly every four years.

55. Four temporary posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)) are proposed for a special unit in the Multi-stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Branch, which would serve as the core secretariat for the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, as follows:

(a) One Chief of Unit (P-5) would be responsible for planning, managing, supervising and carrying out the work programme of the unit. He or she would lead the team responsible for the design and organization of the forum, ensuring the utilization of the modalities of the International Conferences on Financing for Development; full engagement of the expanded group of institutional and non-institutional stakeholders and coherence between the follow-up to and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, as well as that the outcome of the forum would feed into the overall follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the high-level political forum and take into account the deliberations of the Development Cooperation Forum. He or she would review and coordinate all substantive input prepared for the forum and provide substantive support and guidance to intergovernmental consultations on its negotiated outcome;

(b) One Economic Affairs Officer (P-4) would be responsible for the provision of substantive support through policy analysis, research and technical advice on the annual theme of the forum and its multi-year programme of work, including drafting background papers and concept notes and organizing expert group and regional meetings and preparatory symposiums. He or she would also provide support to inter-agency meetings and consultations held in connection with the forum. Moreover, he or she would be responsible for continuing engagement with the expanded group of institutional stakeholders, including relevant entities of the United Nations system;

(c) One Economic Affairs Officer (P-3) would be responsible for coordinating the organization of the forum, including its programme of side events. He or she would also provide support to Member States in the preparation of their voluntary presentations on the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda to be delivered at the forum. He or she would assist in developing a communications strategy, including social media outreach to all relevant stakeholders, and moderate an online stakeholder consultation dialogue for the forum. Moreover, he or she would be responsible for continuing engagement with the business sector and philanthropic foundations in the context of the financing for development follow-up process. This would include monitoring, assessing and engaging in continuing work in the area of public-private partnerships;

(d) One Research Assistant (General Service (Other level)) would be responsible for the provision of research and administrative assistance to all staff of the unit in all aspects of work relating to providing support to the forum, including the organization of its sessions, preparation of substantive input, administering and coordinating the work of the consultants and facilitating the travel of experts.

**(b) Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**

56. Two temporary posts (1 P-4 and 1 P-3) are proposed to provide substantive support to the Committee in the areas of tax policy and tax administration, as follows:

(a) One Economic Affairs Officer (P-4) in the Policy Analysis and Development Branch would be responsible for monitoring and assessing developments in the area of tax policy and international tax cooperation, in the context of domestic resource mobilization. He or she would provide substantive support through policy analysis, research and technical advice on issues relating to the above areas, including base erosion and profit-shifting, illicit flows and exchange of information. He or she would prepare various reports, background papers and parliamentary documentation for the Secretary-General and the Committee on topics within the above-mentioned areas;

(b) One Economic Affairs Officer (P-3) in the Policy Analysis and Development Branch would assist the Secretary of the Committee in providing substantive support to the Committee and its subcommittees, including the preparation of analytical reports for their consideration on issues relating to transfer pricing, as well as extractive industries taxation for developing countries. Moreover, he or she would organize expert group meetings in preparation for the sessions of the Committee and assist in coordinating work on updates to the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries and the *United Nations Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries*. Furthermore, he or she would assist in raising funds for the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.

**Consultants**

57. A recurrent provision of $150,000 would cover specialized expertise, which is neither available in-house nor cost-effective to establish, in the following areas:

(a) Analytical papers on the theme of the forum to serve as background to the expert group meeting that would be held in preparation for the forum and as input to it, including round tables ($30,000);

(b) Background papers to serve as input to the chapters of the report of the inter-agency task force on topics within its multi-year programme ($40,000);

(c) Developing a communications strategy, including social media outreach to all relevant stakeholders and an online stakeholder consultation dialogue for the forum ($30,000);

(d) Background studies for the sessions of the Committee on topics within the current priority areas on its agenda ($30,000);

(e) Background studies for the infrastructure forum ($20,000).

**Experts**

58. A recurrent provision of $180,000 would cover the participation of experts in meetings on the following specialized topics:

(a) Travel of experts to two expert group meetings in preparation for the inter-agency task force report on the monitoring framework and indicators regarding the implementation of the financing for development outcomes ($50,000);

(b) Travel of experts to two expert group meetings in preparation for the forum on the annual theme of the forum, in accordance with the multi-year programme during the four-year cycle, such as domestic and international public resources, including official development assistance; domestic and international private business and finance; debt and systemic issues; and trade, science, technology, innovation and capacity-building ($50,000);

(c) Travel of civil society experts to two civil society consultations on the annual theme of the forum with a view to providing input to the forum ($30,000);

(d) Travel of experts to two expert group meetings in preparation for the sessions of the Committee on the priority issues identified by the Committee ($50,000).

**Travel of staff**

59. A recurrent provision of $65,000 would allow staff to participate in international and regional meetings featuring discussions on the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in order to ensure full engagement with all relevant stakeholders in open and broad consultations. This is broken down as follows:

(a) Participation of staff in global and regional meetings, including those convened by the regional commissions with the support of the regional development banks, to follow up on issues in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda ($30,000);

(b) Consultations with major institutional stakeholders (World Bank, IMF, WTO, UNCTAD and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)) in preparation for the forum ($15,000);

(c) Launch of the inter-agency task force report at various locations, such as Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Beirut, Geneva, Santiago and Washington, D.C. ($20,000).

**Contractual services**

60. A recurrent provision of $14,000 would cover the standard cost of service-level agreement for the temporary posts ($9,000) and the printing of the inter-agency task force report ($5,000).

**General operating expenses**

61. A recurrent provision of $2,400 would cover the standard cost of telephone services for the temporary posts.

**Supplies and materials**

62. A recurrent provision of $3,000 would cover the cost of office supplies for the temporary posts.

**Modifications required under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

63. The implementation of the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, would require the following changes under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 9)).

**Subprogramme 9, Financing for development**

64. The external factors and outputs in document A/70/6 (Sect. 9) should be replaced with the following:

**External factors**

9.115. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) policymakers at the national and international levels are fully engaged in the follow-up to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and other related outcomes, as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and (b) relevant stakeholders in the financing for development process have sustained resources and capacity for attaining the internationally agreed development goals and objectives.

**Outputs**

9.116. During the biennium 2016-2017, the following final outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) General Assembly:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: formal meetings, informal consultations and panel discussions of the Second Committee on the follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (30);

b. Parliamentary documentation: annual multi-stakeholder reports on follow-up efforts to the international conferences on financing for development (2); outcomes of the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (2); reports on the international financial system and development (2);

(ii) Economic and Social Council:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual high-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions held within the framework of the high-level segment of the annual substantive session of the Council (2); annual Council forum on financing for development follow-up (20); consultations between representatives of the Council

and directors of the executive boards of the World Bank, IMF and the Chairs of the boards of WTO and UNCTAD on the preparations for the annual Council forum on financing for development follow-up (6); formal meetings, informal consultations and panel discussions of the Council on the follow-up efforts to the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda in 2016 and 2017 (16); informal consultations of the Council on the outcome of the annual Council forum on financing for development follow-up (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: input to analytical background report for consideration by the 2016 Development Cooperation Forum (1); multi-stakeholder reports for the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (2); inter-agency task force reports on progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2); reports on the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its twelfth to fifteenth sessions (4);

(iii) Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (the modifications below are also presented in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401/Add.1)):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: twelfth to fifteenth sessions of the Committee (32); intersessional meetings of the Committee's subcommittees and working groups (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: issue papers by the secretariat on agenda items to be determined by the Committee for its twelfth to fifteenth sessions (40);

(iv) Ad hoc expert groups: 12 expert groups on: coherence, coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (4); Monterrey to Addis Ababa: state of implementation and tasks ahead (2); international cooperation in tax matters (4); civil society consultations on the annual theme of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: outcome of multi-stakeholder consultations on financing for development (2); building on Monterrey: selected policy issues on financing for development (2); inter-agency task force reports on progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of

implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: outcome document of the third International Conference on Financing for Development (1); outcome of the third International Conference on Financing for Development (1); *United Nations Practical Manual for the Negotiation of Bilateral Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries* (1); United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries — update (1); *United Nations Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries* — update (1);

(iii) Press conferences/press releases: press releases and press conferences on the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (2); work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (4); multi-stakeholder consultations on financing for development (1); launch of the inter-agency task force reports on progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2);

(iv) Special events: panel discussions and briefings for delegations in the Second Committee of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the financing for development follow-up process (6);

(v) Technical material: briefing notes on issues relating to financing for development for high-level meetings of United Nations senior officials with the governmental and non-governmental representatives concerned (16); maintenance and updating of the financing for development home page on the Internet (8); information kit for the 2017 high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on financing for development (1); information kits for the 2016 and 2017 Economic and Social Council forums on financing for development follow-up (2);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: seminars and interactive discussions with the participation of Governments and institutional and non-institutional stakeholders (civil society and the private sector) on financing for development (6);

(vii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: inter-agency consultations and coordination with the secretariats of major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process (World Bank, IMF, WTO, UNCTAD and UNDP), as well as the regional commissions and development banks (20);

(viii) Contribution to joint outputs: *World Economic Situation and Prospects* (chapter on international finance) (2); *World Economic and Social Survey* (input on international financial flows) (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: provision of technical assistance to interested developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, for national capacity-building in financial sector development, tax cooperation and fiscal management areas (1);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional seminars and workshops organized in cooperation with the United Nations regional commissions (Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) and regional development banks, with the participation of representatives of relevant institutional and non-institutional stakeholders, on region-specific policy issues relating to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the follow-up thereto (1); training courses and workshops for officials and practitioners from developing countries and countries with economies in transition for national capacity-building in selected areas of financial sector development and fiscal management (1);

(iii) Field projects: needs assessments and impact evaluations, at the request of interested developing countries and countries with economies in transition, for domestic capacity-building in financial sector development and fiscal management areas (1).

**Section 12, Trade and development**

65. The implementation of the additional mandates arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda would affect subprogramme 1, Globalization, interdependence and development, and subprogramme 4, Technology and logistics.

66. In paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Member States established the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, to be based on multi-stakeholder collaboration between Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, United Nations entities and other stakeholders and be composed of a United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, a collaborative multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and an online platform.

67. In line with paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, an annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up will last for up to five days, one of which will be the special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD.

68. Table 7 provides the summary of resource requirements under section 12.

Table 7
**Summary of resource requirements under section 12, Trade and development, arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Subprogramme 1, Globalization, interdependence and development** | | | |
| Consultants | 43 500 | 87 000 | 43 500 |
| Travel of staff | 11 700 | 23 400 | 11 700 |
| **Subtotal** | **55 200** | **110 400** | **55 200** |
| **Subprogramme 4, Technology and logistics** | | | |
| Consultants | 43 500 | 87 000 | 43 500 |
| Travel of staff | 7 800 | 15 600 | 7 800 |
| **Subtotal** | **51 300** | **102 600** | **51 300** |
| **Total** | **106 500** | **213 000** | **106 500** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

### Subprogramme 1, Globalization, interdependence and development

#### Consultants

69. A recurrent provision of $43,500 would cover specialized expertise in the preparation of background documentation to serve as a substantive contribution to the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up. Issues to be covered would include domestic public resource mobilization and effective implementation, review of the outcomes of the third International Conference on Financing for Development, debt sustainability and debt restructuring, addressing systemic issues and gender equality in the labour markets and the wider economy.

#### Travel of staff

70. A recurrent provision of $11,700 would cover staff travel to attend the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, in line with paragraphs 88 and 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The resources would provide for the participation of three UNCTAD staff members: one senior UNCTAD official, an expert specializing in the specific area under discussion and the UNCTAD focal point for follow-up to the financing for development process. The presence of those particular staff members is necessary given the high-level and specialized nature of the discussions. In particular, they would interact in discussions and panels, make presentations and ensure that information relevant to UNCTAD follow-up activities is communicated. Owing to the nature of the forum

and of the activities foreseen, specialized and senior staff from Geneva cannot be replaced by UNCTAD staff based in New York.

**Subprogramme 4, Technology and logistics**

**Consultants**

71. A recurrent provision of $43,500 would be required to prepare background documentation to serve as a substantive contribution to the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals. Issues to be covered would include thematic concerns and matters to be examined at the forum, such as the development impact of new and emerging forms of technology (information and communications technology, biotechnology, nanotechnology and geospatial technology) and their application with a view to accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Travel of staff**

72. A recurrent provision of $7,800 would cover staff travel to attend the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals in line with paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The resources would provide for the participation in the meetings of:

(a) A staff member responsible for the substantive servicing of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, to participate in the debate at the forum and ensure linkages with the Commission. The Technology Facilitation Mechanism is part of the means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Thematic reviews of progress in the achievement of the Goals, including cross-cutting issues, will be supported by the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. As a functional commission of the Council, the Commission is expected to review and follow up on implementation at the global level, which includes the Mechanism. It is therefore imperative for UNCTAD, as the secretariat of the Commission, to closely follow the discussions at the forum and ensure coherence between the forum and the Commission;

(b) A staff member responsible for science, technology and innovation within UNCTAD, to provide substantive contributions based on UNCTAD work. Such contributions include findings from the national science, technology and innovation policy reviews and flagship reports such as the *Information Economy Report* series and the *Technology and Innovation Report* series and other policy research outputs.

**Modifications required under section 12, Trade and development, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

73. The implementation of the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda would require the following changes to the outputs under section 12, Trade and development, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 12)).

**Subprogramme 1, Globalization, interdependence and development**

74. In paragraph 12.53, under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies", "(iii) Economic and Social Council", "a. Substantive servicing of meetings", replace the number of meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies (2) with (4); and under "b. Parliamentary documentation", replace the number of contributions to reports to the Council (2) with (4).

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75. In paragraph 12.81, under "(b) Other substantive activities", add the following new output: "(ix) Contribution to joint outputs: multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (2)".

**Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services**

76. The implementation of the mandates arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda would entail additional requirements for the Office of Central Support Services to cover the costs of central support services, including for the rental of premises to house the temporary posts proposed under section 9, Economic and social affairs, above.

77. Table 8 provides the summary of resource requirements under section 29D.

Table 8
**Summary of resource requirements under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| General operating expenses | 95 400 | 190 800 | 95 400 |
| **Total** | **95 400** | **190 800** | **95 400** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**General operating expenses**

78. A recurrent provision in the amount of $95,400 would cover the costs of central support services, including for the rental of premises to house six temporary posts located in New York.

**Section 36, Staff assessment**

79. Table 9 below provides the summary of resource requirements under section 36.

Table 9

**Summary of resource requirements under section 36, Staff assessment, arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda**

(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Other | 113 900 | 227 800 | 113 900 |
| **Total** | **113 900** | **227 800** | **113 900** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

80. A recurrent provision in the amount of $113,900 would provide for staff assessment resulting from the temporary posts proposed under section 9, Economic and social affairs, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

## 2. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

81. The implementation of the additional mandates arising from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development would require additional resource requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 9, Economic and social affairs, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 36, Staff assessment. The summary of resource requirements by section is provided in table 10.

Table 10

**Summary of resource requirements by section arising from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

(United States dollars)

| *Section* | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | 281 400 | 562 800 | 281 400 |
| 9. Economic and social affairs | 3 497 100 | 7 261 200 | 3 764 100 |
| 29D. Office of Central Support Services | 159 000 | 349 800 | 190 800 |
| 36. Staff assessment | 202 700 | 444 800 | 242 100 |
| **Total** | **4 140 200** | **8 618 600** | **4 478 400** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management**

82. Pursuant to paragraph 70 of the 2030 Agenda, the two-day annual multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals with interpretation in all six official languages would constitute an addition to the meetings workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management ($24,000 per year). Furthermore, three annual documents (two pre-session (one 5,000 words and one 8,500 words) and one post-session of 10,700 words) in all six official languages would be required beginning in 2016 and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department ($107,000 per year).

83. Pursuant to paragraph 87 of the 2030 Agenda, the high-level political forum, meeting every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly, would be covered from within existing entitlements.

84. Pursuant to paragraphs 85, 88 and 89 of the 2030 Agenda, the request for documentation would comprise four annual pre-session documents of 8,500 words each, to be issued in all six official languages, and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department ($150,400 per year).

85. With regard paragraph 90, the request for one pre-session document of 11,000 words to be issued in all six official languages is for 2016 only and therefore would no longer be required in 2017.

86. Table 11 provides the summary of conference-servicing requirements arising from the 2030 Agenda, to provide for temporary assistance for meetings to supplement the capacity of the Department to provide conference services.

Table 11
**Summary of conference-servicing requirements arising from the 2030 Agenda**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management** | | | |
| Other staff costs | | | |
| Interpretation | 24 000 | 48 000 | 24 000 |
| Pre-session documentation | 210 400 | 420 800 | 210 400 |
| Post-session documentation | 47 000 | 94 000 | 47 000 |
| **Total** | **281 400** | **562 800** | **281 400** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**Section 9, Economic and social affairs**

87. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs was the centrally positioned department within the United Nations system charged with the responsibility for providing analytical and other support to the negotiations on the outcome document of the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want", which laid the groundwork for the development of the Sustainable Development Goals, the establishment of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals itself, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, the discussions in the General Assembly on options for a technology facilitation mechanism and, finally, the intergovernmental negotiations on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

88. Tables 12 and 13 provide the summary of resource requirements under section 9.

Table 12

**Summary of resource requirements by component under section 9, Economic and social affairs, arising from the 2030 Agenda**

(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Policymaking organs | 78 500 | 157 000 | 78 500 |
| Programme of work | | | |
| Subprogramme 1 | 286 800 | 845 800 | 559 000 |
| Subprogramme 3 | 1 676 500 | 3 350 400 | 1 673 900 |
| Subprogramme 4 | 1 364 400 | 2 726 200 | 1 361 800 |
| Programme support | 90 900 | 181 800 | 90 900 |
| **Total** | **3 497 100** | **7 261 200** | **3 764 100** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

Table 13

**Summary of resource requirements by object of expenditures under section 9, Economic and social affairs, arising from the 2030 Agenda**

(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temporary posts (3 P-5, 4 P-4, 2 P-3) | 1 643 600 | 3 281 300 | 1 637 700 |
| Other staff costs | 88 500 | 535 100 | 446 600 |
| Consultants | 497 500 | 905 000 | 407 500 |
| Experts | 670 000 | 1 340 000 | 670 000 |
| Travel of representatives | 78 500 | 157 000 | 78 500 |

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Travel of staff | 295 000 | 590 000 | 295 000 |
| Contractual services | 215 000 | 433 000 | 218 000 |
| General operating expenses | 4 000 | 8 800 | 4 800 |
| Supplies and materials | 5 000 | 11 000 | 6 000 |
| **Total** | **3 497 100** | **7 261 200** | **3 764 100** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**Policymaking organs**

89. By the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the General Assembly launched the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, based on a multi-stakeholder collaboration between Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, United Nations entities and other stakeholders, which will be composed of the United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, the collaborative multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and the online platform.

90. The United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will promote coordination, coherence and cooperation within the United Nations system on science, technology and innovation-related matters, enhancing synergy and efficiency, in particular to enhance capacity-building initiatives. The task team will draw on existing resources and will work with 10 representatives from civil society, the private sector and the scientific community in order to prepare the meetings of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as in the development and operationalization of the online platform, including preparing proposals for the modalities for the forum and the online platform. The 10 representatives will be appointed by the Secretary-General for periods of two years.

91. Table 14 provides the summary of resource requirements under policymaking organs.

Table 14
**Summary of resource requirements: policymaking organs**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Travel of representatives | 78 500 | 157 000 | 78 500 |
| **Total** | **78 500** | **157 000** | **78 500** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**Travel of representatives**

92. A recurrent provision of $78,500 will cover the cost of 10 representatives from civil society, the private sector and the scientific community to attend 3-day meetings, annually, in New York to prepare the meetings of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as in the development and operationalization of the online platform, including the preparation of proposals for the modalities of the forum and the online platform.

**Programme of work**

**Subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination**

93. In paragraph 84 of the 2030 Agenda, it is stated that regular reviews will be voluntary, while reporting will be encouraged, and will include developed and developing countries and relevant United Nations entities and other stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector.

94. Since the 2030 Agenda called for the strengthening of global partnerships with civil society and other stakeholders, the additional mandates of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will include: (a) supporting the review and processing of a rapidly growing number of applications for consultative status, from 472 in 2014 to 632 in 2016; (b) supporting a growing number of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (a steady increase from 41 non-governmental organizations in 1945 to 1,500 in 2000 and to nearly 4,200 in 2015); (c) monitoring non-governmental organizations in consultative status through quadrennial reports about their activities and status, which are expected to grow from an average of 450 reports in 2014-2015 to 730 reports in 2016-2017, the equivalent of a 62 per cent increase in the biennium; (d) strengthening the feedback loop to channel the contributions of non-governmental organizations to the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies; (e) strengthening the oversight of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will help to facilitate this work; and (f) meeting the growing demands for registration and accreditation services for the high-level meetings of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly related to the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda.

95. The increasing engagement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly has also translated into a steadily increasing demand for accreditation and registration services, as well as the establishment and management of non-governmental organization selection committees for speakers at United Nations high-level events. This demand is expected to continue to increase in response to the key role of civil society called for in the 2030 Agenda for its implementation and review.

96. In this regard, it is noted that the General Assembly decided, in its resolution 67/290, in the context of the high-level political forum, to extend privileges equivalent to those granted to organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to other organizations. Similarly, the Assembly, in its subsequent resolution 68/1, requested the Council to promote the active participation of major groups, non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders and regional organizations in the activities of the Council, its functional commissions and the regional commissions.

97. There is also a need to disseminate and collect information about and for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to share and exchange best practices and information with the entities of the United Nations system. This can be achieved by developing and supporting an interactive knowledge management platform.

98. Table 15 provides the summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 1.

Table 15
**Summary of resource requirements: subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temporary post (1 P-4) | 179 400 | 358 100 | 178 700 |
| Other staff costs | – | 358 100 | 358 100 |
| Consultants | 105 000 | 120 000 | 15 000 |
| Contractual services | 1 500 | 6 000 | 4 500 |
| General operating expenses | 400 | 1 600 | 1 200 |
| Supplies and materials | 500 | 2 000 | 1 500 |
| **Total** | **286 800** | **845 800** | **559 000** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

### Temporary posts

99. A recurrent provision of $179,400 to cover a temporary post for Programme Officer (P-4), effective from 1 January 2017, is proposed in lieu of positions funded under general temporary assistance in 2016. In the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1), two general temporary assistance positions at the P-4 level,

including one position for 24 months and a second temporary position for six months, was proposed. The position previously requested for 24 months is now proposed to be a temporary post. The other position previously requested for six months has been recruited in 2016 and would no longer be required in 2017; however, starting in 2018, this position would be required on full-time basis but is not proposed to be converted to temporary post.

100. The temporary post would be required to develop and support an interactive knowledge management platform with the goal of disseminating and collecting information about and for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for the sharing and exchange of best practices and information and for the interactive engagement of non-governmental organizations with the United Nations system. The temporary post would also promote partnerships between civil society and the Economic and Social Council, as well as help to maintain and update the websites, online tools, databases and communities of practice.

**Other staff costs**

101. As indicated in paragraph 99 above, a general temporary position at the P-4 level previously requested for six months has been recruited in 2016 and would no longer be required in 2017. Starting in 2018, this position would be required on a full-time basis to continue to review and clear 50 per cent of new applications for consultative status submitted for review to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and 50 per cent of the quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status to be reviewed by the Committee

**Consultants**

102. Additional requirements for consultancies, totalling $105,000, would be required in 2017 to undertake four background studies in:

(a) Emerging trends and development in international development cooperation ($15,000);

(b) How can the United Nations create a credible review and monitoring framework ($30,000);

(c) Specific aspects relating to the longer-term positioning of the United Nations system ($30,000);

(d) Proposals for the implementation of reform measures as a result of the 2030 Agenda ($30,000).

**Contractual services**

103. Recurrent provision of $1,500 would cover the standard cost of service level agreement for the general temporary assistance positions.

**General operating expenses**

104. A recurrent provision of $400 would cover the standard cost of telephone service for the general temporary assistance positions.

**Supplies and materials**

105. A recurrent provision of $500 would cover the cost of office supplies for the general temporary assistance positions.

**Subprogramme 3, Sustainable development**

106. The Division for Sustainable Development, as the secretariat of the high-level political forum, will be responsible for much of the Headquarters-based implementation, follow-up, review and analysis of the 2030 Agenda. The Division is also responsible for the preparation of the Global Sustainable Development Report, which will serve as one of the major substantive inputs into the high-level political forum. The Division will support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, including its annual multi-stakeholder forum and online information platform.

107. Table 16 below provides the summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 3.

Table 16
**Summary of resource requirements: subprogramme 3, Sustainable development**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temporary posts (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 1 P-3) | 716 900 | 1 431 200 | 714 300 |
| Consultants | 310 000 | 620 000 | 310 000 |
| Experts | 420 000 | 840 000 | 420 000 |
| Travel of staff | 220 000 | 440 000 | 220 000 |
| Contractual services | 6 000 | 12 000 | 6 000 |
| General operating expenses | 1 600 | 3 200 | 1 600 |
| Supplies | 2 000 | 4 000 | 2 000 |
| **Total** | **1 676 500** | **3 350 400** | **1 673 900** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**Temporary posts**

108. A recurrent provision of $716,900 to cover four temporary posts (1 P-5, 2 P-4 and 1 P-3), effective from 1 January 2017, is proposed in lieu of positions funded under general temporary assistance in 2016, as set out in the paragraphs below.

**Follow-up and reviews**

109. All reviews of implementation of the 2030 Agenda will be voluntary. They are to be robust and effective (resolution 70/1, para. 72) and meet the high expectations highlighted in paragraph 74 of the Agenda, notably the need to be rigorous, based on evidence and informed by country-led evaluation and disaggregated high-quality data as well as an open and inclusive review process. They are to track progress, identify challenges, gaps and critical success factors and help mobilize means of implementation and partnerships (ibid., paras. 74 (b) and (c)).

110. Those characteristics apply not only to the national reviews conducted by States at the country level, which are the lynchpin of the review architecture, but also to the regional and global level reviews. At the global level, the high-level political forum, as the central follow-up and review platform, will conduct:

(a) National implementation reviews (resolution 70/1, para. 84), as of 2016. All countries are encouraged to carry out such reviews through the high-level political forum on a voluntary basis (ibid., para. 84) based on reviews that they are expected to conduct at the country level (ibid., paras. 77 and 79). The national reviews will be much more demanding than the voluntary national presentations on the Millennium Development Goals which Governments made at annual ministerial reviews of the Economic and Social Council. This is because of the higher number of countries expected to engage in the reviews of the high-level political forum, the larger scope of the reviews (17 Sustainable Development Goals as compared to 8 Millennium Development Goals) and the expectation that global reviews will build on robust country-level reviews;

(b) Thematic reviews of the progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, which will be supported by a large number of intergovernmental bodies, including the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (ibid., para. 85);

(c) Examination of the outcome of the reviews and dialogues that will be conducted at the regional level (ibid., paras. 73, 80 and 81);

(d) Consideration of reporting by major groups and other relevant stakeholders on their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (ibid., paras. 85 and 89).

111. The high-level political forum conducted its first reviews in 2016, with a focus on the steps being taken to implement the 2030 Agenda. The review functions of the forum are in addition to its other mandates, which relate, inter alia, to: supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including at the regional level; discussing the challenges faced by countries in special situations, including small island developing States; increasing cooperation, coherence and coordination, including within the United Nations system; and addressing new and emerging issues and scientific findings (see resolution 66/288, annex; resolution 67/290; and resolution 70/1, paras. 7, 11 and 13).

112. The Division will need to continue to support the reviews of the high-level political forum and to ensure a continued feedback loop between the recommendations of the forum, including the implementation reviews and future

reviews of the forum. In this regard, the following temporary posts are proposed in lieu of general temporary assistance-funded positions in 2016:

(a) One Senior Sustainable Development Officer (P-5) in the Water, Energy and Capacity Development Branch, to support the conduct of national reviews at the country level. The officer would help the volunteering developing countries to prepare and conduct the country-level reviews that will be used as a basis for reporting and discussions at the high-level political forum, including: (i) supporting countries, before the reviews are launched, in determining the broad parameters for the reviews and ensuring some comparability; (ii) supporting the countries that request assistance in the conduct of national reviews as well as in engaging various ministries and authorities, including civil society, in close coordination with United Nations country teams in developing countries; (iii) supporting the further elaboration of the guidelines for the national reviews, which the Secretary-General is mandated to present to the General Assembly before the end of the seventieth session (resolution 70/1, para. 90); and (iv) developing training materials and tools to facilitate the preparation of future reviews. The temporary position would thus reinforce the capacity of the Branch, whose activities will be refocused not only on supporting countries in conducting reviews but also on helping them in adapting to and implementing the 2030 Agenda;

(b) One Sustainable Development Officer (P-4) in the Intergovernmental Support and Interagency Branch, to support the reviews of the high-level political forum at Headquarters. The officer would: (i) in particular, support Member States in preparing for the presentation and reporting on their national reviews at the high-level political forum, based on the country-level reviews, as well as for the examination of the reviews at the forum; (ii) interact and coordinate with the United Nations system on thematic reviews; (iii) prepare synthetic analysis for the forum on national and thematic reviews; (iv) assist in deriving proposed strategic and integrated guidance from the reviews for the consideration of the forum; and (v) encourage non-State actors to engage in the reviews of the forum and to report voluntarily to the forum on their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as support the conduct of and reporting on such reviews. Other staff members in the Branch would also support the reviews of the forum, in addition to supporting its organization and its work on its other mandates, and would also prepare the reports of the Secretary-General and mobilize the United Nations system in this regard.

***Global Sustainable Development Report***

113. The *Global Sustainable Development Report* is more ambitious than the reports that were prepared on the Millennium Development Goals. The scope and breadth of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals are much broader than those of the 2015 Goals, and the *Global Sustainable Development Report* is to be of a very different nature than the fairly general, policy-oriented progress reports of the Secretary-General presented to the General Assembly or Economic and Social Council on progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The *Global Sustainable Development Report*, in responding to the expectations of Member States, needs to be anchored in an in-depth scientific and sound analysis and evaluation of the implementation of sustainable

development, including the identification of new and emerging issues and long-term projections and modelling. It also should advance plausible policy options that the high-level political forum can build on in providing political leadership, guidance and recommendations for follow-up. The preparation of the report will thus need to engage a wide range of experts and scientists from within and outside the United Nations system, as well as from Member States and other stakeholders. The preparation of the two pilot versions of the report, in 2014 and 2015, showed how much substantive and organizational work such a process involves. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will also be expected to take the lead in preparing the outline of the report, coordinating its preparation and the engagement of scientists and others, drafting some chapters and putting the report and its summary in the style and format required for policymakers at the high-level political forum.

114. It will be recalled that the subprogramme was provided with resources under the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want" (A/67/591) for the preparation of the prototype of the *Global Sustainable Development Report*. These resources were time-bound.

115. In this regard, a temporary post for a Sustainable Development Officer (P-3) in the Policy and Analysis Branch is proposed in lieu of positions funded under general temporary assistance in 2016, to: (a) undertake analysis and research on specific thematic or new issues addressed in the *Global Sustainable Development Report*; (b) support modelling and scenarios, in close cooperation with other divisions of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; (c) support the drafting of some parts of the report; and (d) prepare policy briefs and summaries of the main findings of the report for policymakers. The other staff of the Branch would also contribute to the preparation of the report.

**Technology Facilitation Mechanism**

116. In paragraph 70 of the 2030 Agenda, Member States decided to launch the Technology Facilitation Mechanism to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 5. To support the mechanism, a temporary post for a Sustainable Development Officer (P-4) in the Policy Development and Analysis Branch is proposed in lieu of position funded under general temporary assistance in 2016, to support the work of the new three-pronged mechanism. This will entail substantive, technical and organizational work to: (a) support the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, including preparation of the programme, possible documents and interaction with participants; (b) support the development and maintenance of the online platform; and (c) provide substantive and technical support to the United Nations inter-agency task team, which the Division for Sustainable Development co-convenes with the United Nations Environment Programme. The Mechanism is a novel approach in a new area of work, which will require both substantive knowledge of the issues related to the topic and the ability to coordinate the work of the United Nations system. While other staff members of the Branch will support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, the new position will be entirely dedicated to this task and to supporting their work in this area.

**Consultants**

117. A recurrent provision of $310,000 is needed to cover the costs of specialized expertise, which is not available in-house nor cost effective to establish, in the following areas:

(a) National reviews, the adaptation of guidance at the national level, training, tools development, policy analysis, development of case studies and best practices ($60,000);

(b) Preparation of inputs to the *Global Sustainable Development Report* ($100,000);

(c) Preparation of analytical studies for technology and innovation ($30,000);

(d) Data gap analysis in small island developing States and the facilitation of training in managing data in selective small island developing States where needs are acute ($60,000);

(e) Analytical studies on sustainable energy ($60,000).

**Experts**

118. The adoption of the 2030 Agenda will require the development of scientific and evidence-based studies and think pieces, including the analysis of specific Sustainable Development Goals and targets. These will be carried out in part through the commissioning of papers/studies feeding into expert group meetings to discuss such papers and to provide recommendations on the courses of action that should be undertaken, including policy options. A recurrent provision of $420,000 will cover the participation of experts in meetings to consider issues on the specialized topics described below:

(a) Two expert meetings each year: (i) the first meeting will aim to brief and prepare countries that volunteered to conduct reviews for the high-level political forum and to help them shape their national review process; and (ii) the second meeting will focus on the preparation of the forum's examination of the reviews. It will hear presentations by the countries on their reviews and identify a few key lessons, good practices and challenges, including areas on which to request advice and support from other countries, and seek guidance from the forum. The meeting will aggregate points for discussion at the forum so that it can hold a structured discussion on the outcomes and findings of the reviews leading to strategic outcomes ($120,000);

(b) One expert meeting each year to prepare the thematic reviews for the high-level political forum, with the participation of chairs of intergovernmental bodies conducting thematic reviews and other actors ($60,000);

(c) One meeting each year on the Technology Facilitation Mechanism to support the preparation of the online platform ($60,000);

(d) One meeting each year for sharing of experiences of small island developing States in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals at the

national level, with a focus on challenges and lessons learned in collecting and managing data and statistics and to continuous capacity gaps ($60,000);

(e) Two expert group meetings each year on sustainable energy ($120,000).

119. The requirements related to the expert group meetings for the preparation of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* previously proposed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1), have changed upon the adoption of the ministerial declaration of the 2016 high-level political forum and are now included under the activities mandated by the Economic and Social Council and presented in the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401), as indicated in section V.A above. However, the related requirements for 2016 in the amount of $180,000 would be accommodated through the commitment authority authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A.

**Travel of staff**

120. A recurrent provision of $220,000 will enable staff to participate in relevant preparatory meetings, regional meetings and selected national review meetings that provide an opportunity to link with the global review process at the high-level political forum. There will also be additional travel requirements associated with the preparation of the *Global Sustainable Development Report*. In addition, there will be the following travel requirements associated with the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals when it is not held in New York:

(a) Ten missions each year associated with the national reviews ($50,000);

(b) Twenty missions per year with respect to the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, including to the regional commissions ($100,000);

(c) Five missions each year in connection with the Technology Facilitation Mechanism ($25,000);

(d) Four missions each year to intergovernmental bodies working on the goals and targets relevant to the annual theme of the high-level political forum ($20,000);

(e) Five missions each year in connection with the work on sustainable energy ($25,000).

**Contractual services**

121. A recurrent provision of $6,000 will cover the standard cost of the service level agreement for the temporary posts. The requirements related to the cost of editing, publishing and printing the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, previously proposed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1), have changed upon adoption of the ministerial declaration of the 2016 high-level political forum. The resources are no longer required during 2016-2017 and will only be required in 2019, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401) and indicated in section V.A above.

**General operating expenses**

122. A recurrent provision of $1,600 will cover the standard cost of telephone services for the temporary posts.

**Supplies and materials**

123. A recurrent provision of $2,000 will cover the cost of office supplies for the general temporary assistance positions.

**Subprogramme 4, Statistics**

124. The 2030 Agenda provides a clear mandate for subprogramme 4, Statistics, as shown in paragraph 83 (annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals based on the global indicator framework), and describes the mechanism for the development of the global indicator framework.

125. The process for the development and implementation of the global indicator framework has two fundamental components: (a) putting the list of indicators together and describing them in a methodologically sound way; and (b) regularly (on a yearly basis) collecting the data from countries and compiling them in such a way that the indicators are comparable across countries and values can be aggregated at the regional and global levels in a meaningful way.

126. Both components require a start-up investment with high initial resources in consultants, expert group meetings and information technology resources. Following the setting up of the infrastructure and the initial methodological development, there will be a continuous requirement for recurrent resources to assure further methodological development, the updating of the framework, continuous data quality assurance and the continuous review of estimates and other data adjustments to ensure international comparability.

127. While the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 of subprogramme 4, Statistics, makes some provision for the new global indicator framework, because of the scope and size of the framework needed to address the requirements of the new agenda, the resource implications will significantly surpass the currently allocated funds for the subprogramme to ensure the delivery of the existing outputs and the implementation of the new ones.

128. The number of indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals, totalling close to 250 indicators in comparison with the 67 indicators for the Millennium Development Goals, has significantly increased the amount of work to be conducted in carrying out global monitoring.

129. In addition, the level of complexity of the individual indicators will increase as there are many new areas to be covered, including areas where statistical standards and measurements have never been developed before, such as in the area of human rights, which require solid research and methodological development and the establishment of new data collection and reporting mechanisms to generate sustainable data streams.

130. Furthermore, the level of disaggregation and the coverage of population groups that have never been attempted before (resolution 70/1, para. 74 (g)) will increase the methodological requirements and the number of data items required.

131. Table 17 provides the summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 4.

Table 17
**Summary of resource requirements: subprogramme 4, Statistics**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temporary posts (2 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3) | 747 300 | 1 492 000 | 744 700 |
| Consultants | 82 500 | 165 000 | 82 500 |
| Experts | 250 000 | 500 000 | 250 000 |
| Travel of staff | 75 000 | 150 000 | 75 000 |
| Contractual services | 206 000 | 412 000 | 206 000 |
| General operating expenses | 1 600 | 3 200 | 1 600 |
| Supplies | 2 000 | 4 000 | 2 000 |
| **Total** | **1 364 400** | **2 726 200** | **1 361 800** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**Temporary posts**

132. A recurrent provision of $747,300 to cover four temporary posts (2 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 P-3), effective from 1 January 2017, is proposed in lieu of positions funded under general temporary assistance in 2016, as follows:

(a) A Senior Statistician (P-5) in the Statistical Services Branch, to provide substantive leadership for and managerial oversight of the development and implementation of the global indicator framework. The Senior Statistician would guide the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and supervise the methodological work and regular compilation of all Goal indicators;

(b) A Statistician (P-4) in the Statistical Services Branch, to support the methodological work of the global indicator framework, including in the new areas. The Statistician would prepare compilation guidelines and recommendations for the relevant indicators from new or existing data sources, especially in the context of big data and the data revolution, and would also oversee and contribute to the preparation and organization of the technical meetings required to review methods and standards for the new indicators;

(c) An Information Technology Specialist (P-3) in the Statistical Services Branch, to design the database on the indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals, ensure its relevance and provide advice on contemporary data dissemination and visualization techniques;

(d) A Senior Statistician (P-5) in the Office of the Director, with experience in geospatial information management, to provide leadership in the use of geographic information for the measurement and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals in a consistent way over time, as well as on the integration of statistical and geospatial information. Geospatial information is explicitly mentioned in paragraph 76 of the 2030 Agenda. This is a new area for the subprogramme and a new intergovernmental mechanism that has been supported since 2011 (the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council). At present, only two mid-level expert staff in the United Nations Statistics Division support this work and the challenge will be to draw on expert knowledge from the Member States. A senior expert with highly specialized knowledge to provide substantive leadership in the use of geographic information, drawing on national experiences, will be needed.

**Consultants**

133. A recurrent provision of $82,500 would cover the requirements for short-term consultancies in the following specialized areas where such expertise is not available within the Secretariat:

(a) Development of new statistical methodologies, approaches, tools and techniques in a wide range of new areas, including governance, peace and security and inequality, where methods and tools are not yet developed ($33,000);

(b) Development of new methodologies, approaches, tools and techniques in the area of geospatial information management for sustainable development ($33,000);

(c) Design and development of a visualization platform and a state-of-the-world dashboard ($16,500).

**Experts**

134. A recurrent provision of $250,000 would cover the participation of experts in:

(a) Meetings of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, now composed of 27 country experts, as opposed to the composition of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Millennium Development Goal Indicators, which consisted of experts from international agencies whose participation was not covered by funds from the subprogramme ($150,000);

(b) Meetings of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Post-2015 Monitoring, a new group established by the Statistical Commission at its forty-sixth session ($50,000);

(c) Meetings of experts on the contribution of the geospatial information to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals ($50,000).

**Travel of staff**

135. A recurrent provision of $75,000 would cover the cost of staff travel to participate in meetings of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable

Development Goal Indicators, the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Post-2015 Monitoring and the meetings of experts on geospatial information for sustainable development.

**Contractual services**

136. A recurrent provision of $206,000 would cover contractual services/hardware requirements to operationalize and sustain the Sustainable Development Goal indicators database and the global geospatial platform for sustainable development; the hosting of the visualization platform and the state-of-the-world dashboard on the Goals; the administration of the indicators database (back end) ($150,000); the publication and translation of the methodological guidelines on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators into the six official languages of the United Nations ($50,000); and the standard cost of service level agreement for the general temporary assistance positions ($6,000).

**General operating expenses**

137. A recurrent provision of $1,600 would cover the standard cost of telephone services for the general temporary assistance positions.

**Supplies and materials**

138. A recurrent provision of $2,000 would cover the cost of office supplies for the general temporary assistance positions.

**Programme support**

**Executive Office**

139. The Executive Office assists the Under-Secretary-General in the discharge of the Department's responsibilities in the areas of personnel, finance and general administration. Table 18 provides the summary of resource requirements under programme support.

Table 18
**Summary of resource requirements: programme support**
(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Other staff costs | 88 500 | 177 000 | 88 500 |
| Contractual services | 1 500 | 3 000 | 1 500 |
| General operating expenses | 400 | 800 | 400 |
| Supplies | 500 | 1 000 | 500 |
| **Total** | **90 900** | **181 800** | **90 900** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**Other staff costs**

140. A recurrent provision of $88,500 would cover: (a) a general temporary assistance position (General Service (Other level)) to support the increased number of administrative activities to be delivered under the 2030 Agenda ($81,000); and (b) overtime that will be required during peak workload periods to facilitate the delivery of programmed activities, including intergovernmental meetings, expert group meetings, the recruitment of consultants, financial management and reporting ($7,500).

**Contractual services**

141. A recurrent provision of $1,100 would be required for the standard cost of service level agreement for network accounts for a general temporary assistance position.

**General operating expenses**

142. A recurrent provision of $400 would provide for communications requirements to cover right-to-use charges for telephone services for a general temporary assistance position.

**Supplies and materials**

143. A recurrent provision of $500 would cover the cost of office supplies for a general temporary assistance position.

**Modifications required under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

144. The implementation of the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda would require the following changes under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 9)).

**Subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination**

**Outputs**

Paragraph 9.60

145. Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)", "(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations", b., replace the figure (120) for the number of new applications by non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with the figure (130).

> The change is requested in order to accommodate the review and processing of an increasing number of applications for consultative status with the Council from non-governmental organizations worldwide for review by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (from 472 in 2014 and 534 in 2015 to 632 in 2016)

146. Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)", "(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations", b., replace the figure (70) for the number of notes by the Secretary-General submitting quadrennial

reports of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with the figure (80).

The change is requested in order to accommodate the review and processing of an increasing number of progress reports from non-governmental organizations in consultative status for review by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations as part of its monitoring role (increase of 491 in 2015 and 824 in 2016)

147. Under "(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary)", "(i) Special events", replace the quantity (1) for the number of consultations with civil society and non-governmental organizations on the annual themes of the Council with the figure (3).

The change is requested in order to accommodate consultations with civil society and non-governmental organizations on the annual themes of the Economic and Social Council

148. Under "(b), Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary)", "(i) Special events", add the following new output:

Facilitate the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in high-level events, processes and consultations under the auspices of the United Nations, including the high-level political forum

149. Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies", "(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations", add the following new output:

Facilitating global partnerships by providing greater access to and enhancing the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the work of the Council, including by promoting the contributions of civil society to the new Technology Facilitation Mechanism; and encouraging participation in the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, including by making use of the expertise and knowledge of members of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group of the President of the Economic and Social Council

150. Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies", "(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations", add the following new output:

Providing accreditation and registration services, as well as establishment and management of non-governmental organization selection committees for speakers at high-level events of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council

151. Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies", "(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations", add the following new output:

Enhance the capacity of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to enable them to collaborate in the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, agreed to at the third International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa in July 2015, a multi-stakeholder collaboration between Member States, civil society, the private sector, the

scientific community, United Nations entities and other stakeholders, composed of a United Nations task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, a collaborative multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and an online platform

152. Under "(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary)", "(ii) Technical material", add the following new output:

Develop a knowledge management platform to enable the exchange and dissemination of information about and for non-governmental organizations in order to promote interaction and dialogue among them and with the United Nations system through the Civil Society Network platform

153. Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)", "(ii) Economic and Social Council", b. Parliamentary documentation, replace the number of (60) written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council with the figure (80).

**Subprogramme 3, Sustainable development**

**Strategy**

Paragraph 7.9

139. Under "Strategy", replace subparagraphs (a) and (b) with the following:

(a) Promoting and supporting effective, coherent and coordinated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the outcomes of major United Nations conferences on sustainable development in general and on the sustainable development of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, at the national, regional and global levels, with an emphasis on the greater integration of the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development through national sustainable development strategies;

(b) Providing substantive and effective support, including policy development and analysis, to the high-level political forum and the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through the preparation of periodic sustainable development reports and national reviews;

**Outputs**

Paragraph 9.72

154. Under "(a) Servicing intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)", add the following new output:

Meetings of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

155. Under "(a) Servicing intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)", "(i) General Assembly", "b. Parliamentary documentation", add the following new outputs:

Summary of the discussions of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (2)

Report on national reviews (2)

Report on thematic reviews (2)

Report compiling reports of relevant governing bodies on the support of the organizations of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2)

Report to the seventieth session of the General Assembly outlining critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level (1)

Background note on the outcomes of national reviews and possible reviews by major groups and other stakeholders (2)

156. Under "(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)", "(i) Ad hoc expert groups", add the following new outputs:

Expert group meeting to prepare the groundwork for the high-level political forum national review process, further develop common guidelines for reporting to the forum, reflect on the conclusions and lessons learned from the reviews and allow countries and other actors to discuss key issues to be presented at the forum in terms of lessons learned, challenges requiring advice and needs in terms of means of implementation (4)

Expert group meetings on thematic reviews (2)

Expert group meetings on the technology facilitation mechanism (2)

Expert group meetings on the experiences of small island developing States in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals at the national level, with the focus on challenges and lessons learned in collecting and managing data and statistics and to continuous capacity gaps (2)

Expert group meetings on sustainable energy (2)

**Subprogramme 4, Statistics**

**Strategy**

Paragraph 7.10

145. Under "Strategy", replace subparagraph (a) with the following:

(a) Expanding the normative role of the subprogramme in the development and enhancement of statistical standards, the collection and dissemination of statistical data by Member States and the coordination of international statistical activities, especially those related to the Sustainable Development Goals and other new and emerging policy issues;

**Outputs**

Paragraph 9.81

157. Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)", "(vii) Ad hoc Expert Group Meetings", add the following new output:

Expert group meetings dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals and the geographic information contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (2)

158. Under "(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)", "(ii) Non-recurrent publications", add the following new output:

Manuals and guidelines on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators (2)

159. Under "(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)", "(iii) Technical material", add the following new outputs:

Secretary-General's progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals (2)

Establishment of a new infrastructure and software development for the Sustainable Development Goals database, in particular on data disaggregation (1)

Creation of the consultative platform of the members of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (1)

Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals consultative platform — maintenance and update (2)

Creation of an open consultative platform on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators for representatives of civil society and other stakeholders (1)

Maintenance and updating of the open consultative platform on the Sustainable Development Goals for representatives of civil society and other stakeholders (2)

**Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services**

160. The implementation of the mandates arising from the 2030 Agenda would entail additional requirements for the Office of Central Support Services to cover the costs of central support services, including for the rental of premises to house the temporary posts and general temporary assistance positions proposed under section 9, Economic and social affairs, above.

161. Table 19 provides the summary of resource requirements under section 29D.

Table 19

**Summary of resource requirements under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, arising from the 2030 Agenda**

(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| General operating expenses | 159 000 | 349 800 | 190 800 |
| **Total** | **159 000** | **349 800** | **190 800** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

**General operating expenses**

162. A recurrent provision in the amount of $159,800 would cover the costs of central support services, including for the rental of premises to house nine temporary posts and a general temporary assistance position located in New York. Starting in 2018, there will be nine temporary posts and two general temporary assistance positions (one additional position under subprogramme 1 of section 9, Economic and social affairs).

**Section 36, Staff assessment**

163. Table 20 provides the summary of resource requirements under section 36, Staff assessment.

Table 20

**Summary of resource requirements under section 36, Staff assessment, arising from the 2030 Agenda**

(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Other | 202 700 | 444 800 | 242 100 |
| **Total** | **202 700** | **444 800** | **242 100** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

164. A recurrent provision in the amount of $202,700 would provide for staff assessment resulting from the temporary posts and general temporary assistance positions proposed under section 9, Economic and social affairs, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

## C. Requirements for the strengthening of the Development Account and the regular programme of technical cooperation

165. As indicated in section IV above, it is proposed that the Member States increase the Development Account and the regular programme of technical cooperation to strengthen Secretariat support to implement the two Agendas, as presented in table 21 below. The current appropriation for section 35, Development Account ($28,398,800) would increase to $35,898,800 (net increase of $7.5 million) in the current biennium 2016-2017, and $43,398,800 million (further net increase of $7.5 million) in the biennium 2018-2019. The current appropriation for section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation ($54,763,400) would increase to $59,763,400 (net increase of $5 million) in the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019.

Table 21

**Proposed additional requirements for the strengthening of the Development Account and regular programme of technical cooperation**

(United States dollars)

| | *Total requirements 2016-2017* | *Total requirements 2018-2019* | *Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]* |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Section 35, Development Account** | | | |
| Grants and contributions | 7 500 000 | 15 000 000 | 7 500 000 |
| **Subtotal, section 35** | **7 500 000** | **15 000 000** | **7 500 000** |
| **Section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation** | | | |
| Grants and contributions | 5 000 000 | 5 000 000 | – |
| **Subtotal** | **5 000 000** | **5 000 000** | – |
| **Total** | **12 500 000** | **20 000 000** | **7 500 000** |

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

## VI. Commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in resolution 70/248 A

166. The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/248 A, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for 2016 requirements previously proposed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1). The projected expenditures for 2016 would amount to $6,154,600, for which an appropriation is being sought, as detailed in table 22.

Table 22

**Projected expenditures for 2016 related to commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in resolution 70/248 A**

(United States dollars)

| *Section and object of expenditure* | *Commitment authority approved* | *Projected expenditures 31 December 2016* |
|---|---|---|
| **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management** | | |
| Other staff costs | 967 800 | 644 100 |
| **Subtotal, section 2** | **967 800** | **644 100** |
| **Section 9, Economic and social affairs** | | |
| Other staff costs | 2 780 700 | 2 044 100 |
| Consultants | 602 500 | 525 500 |
| Experts[a] | 1 090 000 | – |
| Travel of representatives | 315 500 | 282 000 |
| Travel of staff | 360 000 | 317 400 |
| Contractual services | 371 800 | 212 000 |
| General operating expenses, supplies and equipment | 27 400 | 29 400 |
| Grants and contributions[a] | – | 1 088 000 |
| **Subtotal, section 9** | **5 547 900** | **4 498 400** |
| **Section 12, Trade and development** | | |
| Consultants | 87 000 | 87 000 |
| Travel of staff | 19 500 | 18 100 |
| **Subtotal, section 12** | **106 500** | **105 100** |
| **Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services** | | |
| General operating expenses | 518 900 | 518 900 |
| Furniture | 85 500 | 85 500 |
| **Subtotal, section 29D** | **604 400** | **604 400** |
| **Section 36, Staff assessment** | | |
| Other | 320 700 | 290 600 |
| **Subtotal, section 36** | **320 700** | **290 600** |
| **Total** | **7 547 300** | **6 142 600** |

[a] The expenditures related to experts are reflected under grants and contributions in Umoja, which include the travel costs of meeting participants.

167. The projected expenditures for 2016 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, amount to $644,100. The lower projected expenditures are attributed mainly to the application of new conference-servicing standard costs, effective 2016.

168. The projected expenditures under section 9, Economic and social affairs, amount to $4,498,400. The lower projected expenditures are attributable mainly to the lower other staff costs compared with the estimates, as staff was still under recruitment at the beginning of 2016. All general temporary assistance positions are now encumbered and there are no vacant positions. In addition, the lower expenditures under contractual services are attributable to the postponement of the production of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* to 2019, pursuant to the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council (E/HLS/2016/1).

169. The projected expenditures under section 12, Trade and development, amount to $105,100, which are more or less in line with the estimates.

170. The projected expenditures under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, amount to $604,400, which are in line with the estimates.

171. The projected expenditures under section 36, Staff assessment, amount to $290,600. The lower projected staff assessment are attributable mainly to the lower other staff costs under section 9, Economic and social affairs.

## VII. Summary of total resource requirements

172. Table 23 provides a comprehensive summary of total resource requirements in support of the two Agendas.

Table 23

**Total resource requirements in support of the two Agendas**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

| Budget section | | Requirements related to the mandates from the Economic and Social Council | | | | Requirements related to the mandates in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and 2030 Agenda | | | | | | Requirements for the strengthening of the Development Account and the regular programme of technical cooperation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2017 requirements[a] | | 2018-2019 requirements[a] | | 2016 commitment authority[b] | | 2016 projected expenditures[c] | | 2017 requirements[c] | | 2018-2019 requirements | | 2017 requirements[c] | | 2018-2019 requirements | |
| | | Posts | Non-post | Posts | Non-post | Posts | Non-post | Posts | Non-post | Posts | Non-post | Posts | Non-post | Posts | Non-post | Posts | Non-post |
| 2 | General Assembly affairs and conference services | | 319.0 | | 638.0 | | 967.8 | | 644.1 | | 319.0 | | 638.0 | | | | |
| 9 | Economic and social affairs | | 597.0 | | 1 254.0 | | 5 547.9 | | 4 498.4 | 2 589.8 | 2 267.9 | 5 170.6 | 4 808.7 | | | | |
| 12 | Trade and development | | | | | | 106.5 | | 105.1 | | 106.5 | | 213.0 | | | | |
| 19 | Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific | 163.6 | 325.0 | 595.2 | 650.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean | | 130.0 | | 130.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Economic and social development in Western Asia | 283.0 | 1 610.6 | 1 031.9 | 2 007.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Regular programme of technical cooperation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 000.0 | | 5 000.0 |
| 29D | Office of Central Support Services | | | | | | 604.4 | | 604.4 | | 254.4 | | 540.6 | | | | |
| 35 | Development Account | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 500.0 | | 15 000.0 |
| 36 | Staff assessment | 57.1 | | 208.2 | | | 320.7 | | 290.6 | | 316.6 | | 672.6 | | | | |
| | **Total** | **503.7** | **2 981.6** | **1 835.3** | **4 679.4** | – | **7 547.3** | – | **6 142.6** | **2 589.8** | **3 264.4** | **5 170.6** | **6 872.9** | – | **12 500.0** | – | **20 000.0** |
| | **Total posts and non-post** | **3 485.3** | | **6 514.7** | | **7 547.3** | | **6 142.6** | | **5 854.2** | | **12 043.5** | | **12 500.0** | | **20 000.0** | |

[a] Included in the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401 and Add.1), through which the related appropriation is sought.

[b] Approved by the General Assembly in resolution 70/248 A.

[c] Related appropriation to be sought.

# VIII. Conclusion and recommendations

173. **As reflected in table 23 in section VII above, the total resource requirements in support of the two Agendas would give rise to additional requirements under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, as follows:**

(a) **Requirements related to the mandates from the Economic and Social Council amount to $3,485,300, for which the related appropriation is being sought in the context of the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during 2016 (A/71/401 and Add.1);**

(b) **2016 expenditures amount to $6,142,600 related to the commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in resolution 70/248 A;**

(c) **Requirements for 2017 related to the mandates in the two Agendas amount to $5,854,200;**

(d) **Requirements for the strengthening of the Development Account and the regular programme of technical cooperation in the amount of $12,500,000, including $5,000,000 under section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation and $7,500,000 under section 35, Development Account.**

174. **The General Assembly is requested to approve an additional appropriation in the total amount of $24,496,800 to cover the requirements indicated in subparagraphs (b) through (d) of paragraph 174 above. This amount includes $607,200 required under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, which is to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. The amount net of staff assessment of $23,889,600 would represent a charge against the contingency fund for the biennium 2016-2017.**

175. **The General Assembly is also requested to approve the proposed establishment of 15 temporary posts (4 P-5, 6 P-4, 4 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)), effective from 1 January 2017, under section 9, Economic and social affairs, as detailed in table 24.**

Table 24
**Proposed establishment of temporary posts in support of the two Agendas**

| *Resolution* | *Agenda* | *Budget section* | *Number of posts* | *Level* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 69/313 | **Addis Ababa Action Agenda** | 9 | | |
| | Department of Economic and Social Affairs — subprogramme 9, Financing for development | | | |
| | – Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up | | 4 | 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 General Service (Other level) |
| | – Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters | | 2 | 1 P-4 and 1 P-3 |

| *Resolution* | *Agenda* | *Budget section* | *Number of posts* | *Level* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 70/1 | **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** | 9 | | |
| | Department of Economic and Social Affairs — subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination | | 1 | 1 P-4 |
| | Department of Economic and Social Affairs — subprogramme 3, Sustainable development | | 4 | 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 1 P-3 |
| | Department of Economic and Social Affairs — subprogramme 4, Statistics | | 4 | 2 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3 |
| **Total** | | | **15** | |

176. **With regard to the strengthening of the Development Account, it is recommended that the eligibility of Development Account implementing entities be expanded beyond the current 10, so as to ensure the full support of the Secretariat to the implementation of the two Agendas, in keeping with the interconnected and cross-pillar nature of the Agendas, as follows (entities under the following budget sections carry out the activities described in sect. III of the present report and will be eligible to apply for Development Account funding):**

(a) **Section 3, Political affairs;**

(b) **Section 8, Legal affairs;**

(c) **Section 9, Economic and social affairs;**

(d) **Section 10, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States;**

(e) **Section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development;**

(f) **Section 12, Trade and development;**

(g) **Section 13, International Trade Centre;**

(h) **Section 14, Environment;**

(i) **Section 15, Human settlements;**

(j) **Section 16, International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice;**

(k) **Section 17, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;**

(l) **Section 18, Economic and social development in Africa;**

(m) **Section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;**

(n) **Section 20, Economic development in Europe;**

(o) **Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean;**

(p) **Section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia;**

(q) **Section 24, Human rights;**

(r) **Section 27, Humanitarian assistance;**

(s) **Section 28, Public information.**

**In exceptional cases, other entities may be included at the discretion of the Secretary-General.**

177. **The Assembly may wish to consider renaming the account as the "Sustainable Development Account".**

178. **The General Assembly may wish to take note that the requirements for the biennium 2018-2019 will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.**